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TAGS: CASC (ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES)

SUBJECT: W/W APPARENT ARREST OF EIGHT AMCITS IN TABUK, SAUDI ARABIA

1. ON MORNING OF APRIL 19, UK CITIZEN DENNIS BROSTER OF LOCKHEED INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT CO OF GENEVA WITH OFFICES IN TABUK BROUGHT FOLLOWING LETTER TO CONSOFF: BEGIN QUOTE:
APRIL 16,1976 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
EIGHT AMERICAN WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY APRIL 14 AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS. REMAINING ATLANTIC CREW NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL 1700 HOURS. THOSE IN CUSTODY ARE BEING DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING BY SAUDI CID AT RSAD TABUK(WHITAKERS) MEN ARE BEING HELD BY ARMED GUARDS ON THAT BASE. ACOMMODATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND FOOD IS BEING SUPPLIED BY SAUDI CATERING CO.

ALL SUPERVISION FOR ATLANTIC CREW ARE IN CUSTODY AND BELIEVED TO BE UNDER GOING INTENSIVE INTERROGATION. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE AS OF

APRIL 16,1976. INTERROGATION DUE TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF SAUDI VISA REGULATIONS, CONCERNING TRIP TAKEN TO JERUSALEM. PASSPORTS AND FILMS CONFISCATED FROM ALL EIGHT MEN INVOLVED ON APRIL 10,1976. ALL ATLANTIC CONSTRUCTION ON TABUK PROJECT 1792 HAS CEASED DUE TO LACK OF SUPERVISION PERSONNEL. SAUDI CATERING COMPANY AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORP ARE PRESSING REMAINING CREW TO RETURN TO WORK. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM ATLANTIC HEADQUARTERS FOR REMAINING MEN AND ANY AMBASSADORIAL ASSISTANCE TO SECURE RELEASE
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OF THOSE IN CUSTODY.

PLEASE ADVISE PROMPTLY, SITUATION IS CRITICAL. YOUR TRULY ATLANTIC
CREW: NAMES OF THOSE IN CUSTODY, CHARLES VAN METER, SAM ORLICH
ROBERT FLOYD, CHUCH CLARK, JAKE BROWN, STEVE RENEHAN, MITCH
CONDY, JOHN STURGIL" END QUOTE.

2. BROSTER STATED TO CONSOFF THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO INFORM
AMBASSY JIDDA BY PHONE OR TELEGRAPH AND HE FIRST PERSON
OUT OF TABUK SINCE ARREST.

3. LETTER WRITTEN ON LETTERHEAD PAPER HAVING FOLLOWING CAPTIONS:
"ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, SUBSIDIARY OF ATLANTIC MOBILE
CORPORTION, PO BOX 412, HUNT VALLEY MARYLAND 21030, TELEX
87562, PO BOX 60603, HOUSTON TEXAS, 77060, TELEX 762973, CABLE
ATLANKAM.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST YOU PASS ABOVE TO ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL
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